ISRAEL in EGYPT,

AN

ORATORIO,

OR

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Dramatis Perſonæ.

DAVID, King of *Iſrael*.

ZECHARIAH,
BENAIAH,
MATTATHIAH,
} Levites, 1 Chron. xvi. 4.

ASAPH, the Chief.

Chorus of Iſraelites.

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PART I.

ANTHEM.

THE Lord hath given Strength unto his People;
The Lord hath given his People the Bleſſing of Peace.

RECITATIVE *accompanied.*

Jehovah, Lord! how great how wond'rous great,
How glorious is thy Name through all the Earth;
When I behold the Heavens, thy Finger's Art,
The Moon and Stars which thou ſo bright haſt ſet
In the pure Firmament; then ſaith my Heart,
Lord, what is Man, that thou remember'ſt him!

AIR.

Lord God of Hoſts, to whom the Pray'r
Of contrite Souls is dear;
Thou God, our Shield, propitious prove,
And thy Anointed hear;
For in thy Courts one Day to be,
Is better and more bleſt,
Than in the Joys of Vanity
A Thouſand Days at beſt.

RECITATIVE.

David. Know then, my *Aſaph*, that this ſolemn Day
We dedicate to Joy, and Gratitude:
While we rehearſe the wond'rous Works of God,
In Fire, Air, Earth, and Sea, diſplay'd; to give
Deliverance to the Sons of *Iſrael*,
From cruel Bondage, and the Iron Rod
Of moſt ſevere Oppreſſion.

AIR.

O, ſing ye Praiſes-----to great Jehovah:
His Pow'r among the Nations,
And wond'rous Works, proclaim.
O, bleſs the Lord,-----the Lord Jehovah:
With grateful Acclamations
Extol his holy Name.

RECITATIVE.

Aſaph. Lo! Sire, the Sons of Muſic all attend,
With zealous Ardour to obey your Will,
And pay their Tribute to the liſt'ning Skies.

AIR.

Great Jehovah, All adoring,
And his ſaving Strength imploring,
In his holy Name rejoice.
To record the wond'rous Story,
And preſerve their Father's Glory,
All unite with Heart and Voice.

RECI-

RECITATIVE.

David. Now there aroſe a new King over *Egypt*,
Who knew not *Joſeph*; and He ſet over *Iſrael*
Taſkmaſters, to afflict them with Burthens;
And they made them ſerve with Rigour.

CHORUS.

And the Children of Iſrael *ſighed,*
By reaſon of the Bondage;
And their Cry came up unto God.

RECITATIVE.

Then ſent he *Moſes* his Servant,
And *Aaron*, whom he had choſen.
Theſe ſhew'd his Signs among them,
And Wonders in the Land of *Ham*.

CHORUS.

He turned their Waters into Blood.
They loathed to drink of the River.

RECITATIVE.

Zecha. This the *Egyptians* did, or ſeem'd to do,
With their Inchantments; therefore *Pharoah*'s Heart

Again was harden'd, and, in ſeven Days
Relentleſs ſtill, call'd down another Plague
From the Almighty Hand of Heav'n.

AIR.

The Land brought forth Frogs,
Yea, even in the King's Chambers.
He gave their Cattle to the Peſtilence.
Botches and Blains brake forth on Man and Beaſt.

RECITATIVE.

addition { *Ben.* Nor the Magicians with their Art profound,
Cou'd ſave themſelves from this dire Peſtilence,
That gnaw'd their Fleſh, and rankled to the Bone.

AIR.

All human Pow'r now failing
No Herb, or Flower, availing:
Art is to their Confuſion
Found but a mere Deluſion;
Quell'd by Almighty Pow'r,
Magic can aid no more.
No Herb, no Flow'r, can now aſſuage their Grief,
Or bring Relief,
Where Heav'n inflicts a Pain.
No Hand but the Almighty Pow'r above,
Befriending with his Love,
Who gave, can heal the Blain.

D. C.

RECI-

RECITATIVE.

Dav. The Plague now ceas'd, and *Pharoah*'s ſtubborn Heart
Again rebell'd; again provok'd the Lord.

CHORUS.

He ſpake the Word, and there came
All manner of Flies, and Lice in all their Quarters.
He ſpake, and the Locuſts came without Number,
And devoured the Fruits of the Ground.

RECITATIVE *accompany'd.*

Matt. This new Creation baffled all the Art
Of wily Magic; all amaz'd they cried,
" This is the Finger of Almighty God."

AIR.

Vain your Triumph! Idle Mortals!
To pretend a new Creation,
Form'd by Art, and human Pow'r.
He alone, who guides our Nation,
Life can give, or Life reſtore.

RECITATIVE *accompany'd.*

David. Yet *Pharaoh* ſtill exalted his proud Heart,
Againſt *Jehovah*, and againſt his People.
Rekindled therefore was Almighty Wrath.

CHORUS.

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He gave them Hailstones for Rain:
Fire, mingled with Hail,
Ran along the Ground.

End of the First Part.

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PART II.

RECITATIVE.

David. Pharaoh, now pierc'd with deep Contrition, ſaid
To *Moſes*, " tis enough, intreat the Lord,
" That there may be no more ſuch mighty Thund'rings
" Or Storms of Hail; and *Iſraël* ſhall go." ——.
Moſes then left the City, glad of Heart,
And ſpread abroad his Hands unto the Lord.

AIR.

Great Jehovah's *aweful Word,*
Th' afflicted Land to Reſt reſtor'd,
And calm'd the troubled Sky:
Aweful Thunders roll no more,
No Lightnings flaſh, no Torrents roar,
And Whirlwinds in ſoft Breezes die.

RECITATIVE.

Aſaph. When *Pharaoh* ſaw the pleaſing Calm reſtor'd,
He ſinn'd yet more, and harden'd his proud Heart;
He and his Servants; therefore the Almighty
Again made bare his 'vengeful Arm.

CHORUS.

He ſent a thick Darkneſs over all the Land,
Even Darkneſs that might be felt.

RECITATIVE *accompanied.*

Zech. 'The Huſbandman ſtands rooted in the Field,
'His Charge neglected, and the Glebe untill'd;
'The Shepherd, heedleſs of his wooly Care,
'Sits down aghaſt, and petrifies with Fear:

Their

'Their Giant Limbs no more the Lab'rers boaſt,
'Their ſinewy Nerves unſtrung, their Vigor loſt.
'Vain Exorciſts now feel their Pow'r confin'd,
'Chain'd with the Fetters of a guilty Mind.
Three Days thus o'er th' *Egyptians* Midnight ſpread
An Image of the Horrors of the Dead.

AIR.

Sad Horrors aſſailing;
No Slumbers availing:
With Phantoms around them.
And Sights that confound them,
And heighten Deſpair.
While Light ſilver-ſtreaming,
On Goſhen *ſtill beaming,*
With Splendor delights them;
And Heav'n thus excites them,
To glory in his Care. D. G.

RECITATIVE.

Benaiah. Thrice happy *Iſrael* in the Light of God!
Well mayſt thou now take up thy Song, and ſay;

Accompanied.

" Hail holy Light, Offspring of Heav'n, firſt born!
Or hear'ſt thou rather pure Etherial Stream,
Whoſe Fountain who ſhall tell? Before the Sun,

Before the Heav'ns thou wert; and at the Voice
Of God, as with a Mantle did inveſt
The riſing World of Waters dark and deep
Won from the Void, and formleſs Infinite.

AIR.

" *When the Sun o'er yonder Hills,*
Pours in Tides the golden Day;
Or, when quivering o'er the Rills,
In the Weſt he dies away.
He ſhall ever hear me ſing
Praiſes to th' eternal King.

RECITATIVE.

David. But ſoon as *Pharaoh* re-enjoy'd this Bleſſing,
He, and his People ſcorned to fear the Lord,
And *Iſraël* indulge in their Requeſt:
Therefore the Lord again diſplay'd his Wrath.

CHORUS.

He ſmote all the Firſt-born of Egypt,
The chief of all their Strength,
But as for his People, he led them forth like Sheep:
He brought them out with Silver and Gold:
There was not one feeble Perſon among their Tribe.

RECI-

RECITATIVE.

Matt. Hence *Iſraël* rejoyc'd; their Hope confirm'd
Of ſure Deliverance from their ſervile State.

AIR.

Hope, a pure and laſting Treaſure,
Pouring in its balmy Pleaſure,
Sooths the bitter Pangs of Woe;
Hope, to truſt in Heav'n inviting,
Now with peaceful Views delighting,
Clears the gloomy Storms below.

RECITATIVE.

Thus with a mighty Hand, and ſtretch'd-out Arm,
The Lord made known his Goodneſs unto *Iſraël.*

CHORUS.

He rebuked the Red-Sea, and it was dried up;
He led them through the Deep as through a Wilderneſs:
But the Waters overwhelm'd their Enemies,
There was not one of them left.

RECITATIVE *accompanied.*

Aſaph. 'Thus God, ſtill preſent in his Angel, goes
'Before them in a Cloud, and a Pillar of Fire;
'By Day a Cloud, by Night a Pillar of Fire;

'To

‘ To guide them in their Journey; and remove
‘ Behind them, while th’ obdurate King perſues.
‘ *Pharoah* all Night perſues; but his Approach
‘ Darkneſs defends between, till Morning Watch:
‘ Then through the fiery Pillar, and the Cloud,”
God looking forth, confounded all his Hoſt,
And crazed their Chariot Wheels: when by Command,
Moſes once more his potent Rod extends
Over the Sea; the Sea his Rod obeys:
On their imbattel’d Ranks the Waves return,
And overwhelm their War.——

AIR.

Wave from Wave, congeal’d with Wonder,
Stood, a cryſtal Wall, aſunder;
But rejoin’d, at his dread Thunder,
Whoſe right Hand their Strength controll’d.
Jordan’s *foamy Streams complying,*
From th’ Almighty’s Preſence flying,
Nature’s conſtant Laws denying
To their murmuring Fountain roll’d.

CHORUS.

And Iſrael *ſaw that great Work,*
That the Lord did upon th’ Egyptians,
And the People feared the Lord,
And believed the Lord, and his Servant Moſes.

End of the Second Part.

PART

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PART III.

CHORUS. ANTHEM.

Moſes, *and the Children of* Iſrael,
Sung this Song unto the Lord, and ſpake, ſaying,
I will ſing unto the Lord;
For he hath triumphed glorioufly.
The Horſe and his Rider hath he thrown into the Sea.

RECI-

DUET.

The Lord is my Strength, and my Song;
He is become my Salvation.

CHORUS.

He is my God, and I will prepare Him
An Habitation; my Father's God,
And I will exalt him.

DUET.

The Lord is a Man of War;
The Lord *is his Name.*
Pharaoh's *Chariots, and his Hoſt*
Has he caſt into the Sea.
His choſen Captains alſo
Are drowned in the Red-Sea.

CHORUS.

The Depths have cover'd them;
They ſank into the Bottom as a Stone.

CHORUS.

Thy right Hand, O Lord,
Is become glorious in Power:
Thy right Hand, O Lord,
Hath daſhed in Pieces the Enemy:
And in the Greatneſs of thine Excellency,
Thou haſt overthrown them,
That roſe up againſt Thee.

AIR.

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Da. *The Enemy said, I will persue,*
I will o'ertake, I will divide the Spoil:
My Lust shall be satisfied upon them:
I will draw my Sword;
My Hand shall destroy them.

AIR.

Thou didst blow with thy Wind;
The Sea cover'd them;
They sank as Lead in the mighty Waters.

CHORUS.

Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the Gods?
Who is like Thee, glorious in Holiness,
Fearful in Praises, doing Wonders?

AIR.

Zecha. *Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them*
In the Mountain of thine Inheritance.
In the Place, O Lord, which Thou
Hast made for Thee to dwell in;
In the Sanctuary, O Lord,
Which thy Hands have established.

GRAND CHORUS.

The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

C. RECI-

RECITATIVE.

Matt. Thus *Moſes* ſung; and *Miriam*, the Propheteſs,
The Siſter of *Aaron*, took a Timbrel in her Hand;
And all the Women went out after her,
With Timbrels and Dances; and *Miriam* anſwer'd them;

AIR *and* CHORUS.

Sing ye to the Lord;
For he hath triumphed glorioufly:
The Horſe and his Rider
Hath he thrown into the Sea.

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